



Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission

Legal Notice

\*\*\*\*\* NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING \*\*\*\*\*

In accordance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1, *et seq.*), notice is hereby given that the Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission will conduct a meeting on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 3 pm. The meeting will take place at 200 Piedmont Ave., SE (James H. “Sloppy” Floyd Building) - West Tower - Suite 512, Atlanta, GA 30334 and via WebEx for Commission Members and members of the public. It may be joined virtually at the following link. Those wishing to make public comments will be given the opportunity to do so in the registration process, or by signing up for public comments in person prior to the Meeting.

**Registration Link:**

<https://dbhdd.webex.com/dbhdd/j.php?MTID=m255786c845938bod224e968905f314bf>

All interested parties are invited to attend.

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Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 3 p.m.

200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E.

West Tower, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, DBHDD Board Room 512

Atlanta, GA 30334

*This meeting will be conducted in person and via WebEx for the public and Commission Member(s).*

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**Meeting Agenda**

**Welcome ..... Sam Hatcher, Chair**

**Roll Call ..... Evan Frey, GOSAC Liaison**

**Call to Order ..... Sam Hatcher, Chair**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes ..... Sam Hatcher, Chair**

**Introduction of Recovery Speaker ..... Taylor Peyton, Opioid Liaison  
Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust**

**Report of GOCAT Activities ..... Holly Lynde, Executive Director  
Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust**

**Bylaws ..... Sam Hatcher, Chair**

**Action Items..... Holly Lynde,  
Executive Director, GOCAT**

**GOSAC Funding Recommendations for Regions ..... Holly Lynde,  
Executive Director, GOCAT**

- Presentation of Funding Recommendations from Regional Advisory Council 1 (RAC 1) ..... Holly Lynde, Executive Director, GOCAT
- Presentation of Funding Recommendations from Regional Advisory Council 2 (RAC 2) ..... Holly Lynde, Executive Director, GOCAT

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- Presentation of Funding Recommendations from Regional Advisory Council 3 (RAC 3) ..... Holly Lynde, Executive Director, GOCAT
- Presentation of Funding Recommendations from Regional Advisory Council 4 (RAC 4) ..... Holly Lynde, Executive Director, GOCAT
- Presentation of Funding Recommendations from Regional Advisory Council 5 (RAC 5) ..... Holly Lynde, Executive Director, GOCAT
- Presentation of Funding Recommendations from Regional Advisory Council 6 (RAC 6) ..... Holly Lynde, Executive Director, GOCAT

**Presentation of Funding Recommendations for State ..... Holly Lynde,  
Executive Director, GOCAT**

**Meeting Schedule for 2026 ..... Sam Hatcher, Chair GOSAC**

**Public Comment**

**Adjourn**



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Chair Sam Hacher called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The hybrid meeting was held at 200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E. West Tower, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Board Room 512 Atlanta, GA 30334 and online via Webex; the following GOSAC members participated:

**Commission members attended in person:** Chair Sam Hatcher (*Office of the Governor*), Trey Bennett (*Governor's Office of Planning and Budget*), Clay Davis (*Spalding County BOC*), David Kidd (*Georgia Association of Community Service Boards*), Dr. Chris Rustin (*DPH*)

**Commission members attended via WebEx:** Mayor Betty Cason (*Carrollton, GA*), Cassandra Price (*DBHDD*), Mayor Ed Reynolds (*Bainbridge, GA*), Sheriff Gary Sisk (*Catoosa County*)

**DBHDD Staff in Attendance:** Holly Lynde (*GOCAT Executive Director*), Melissa Malcom (*Opioid Litigation Attorney*), Taylor Peyton (*Assistant Director of Opioid Abatement*)

Chair Sam Hatcher welcomed each of the members to the November 2025 meeting of the Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission (GOSAC).

Chair Hatcher brought the first order of business of approving the minutes from the August 11, 2025, meeting. After giving the members, a chance to review the minutes, the members unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2025, meeting.

Chair Hatcher then invited GOCAT Executive Director Holly Lynde to go through the agenda items, and Mrs. Lynde, in turn, asked Taylor Peyton, DBHDD's Assistant Director of Opioid Abatement, to introduce the meeting's recovery speaker. Ms. Peyton introduced Mr. Shane Sims who shared his story of long-term recovery. Mr. Sims shared how getting in with the wrong crowd in his youth led him to become involved in the justice system. He reflected on the many mentors that set him in the right direction and allowed him to escape the disease of addiction. Mr. Sims stated his experiences motivate him to share his story with others and give back to his community. He now serves as the Chaplin for the Athens-Clarke County Police Department and Sheriff's Office.



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Chair Hatcher thanked Mr. Sims for sharing his story and invited Mrs. Lynde to provide an update on GOCAT activities. Mrs. Lynde reported that GOCAT was reimbursed for approximately \$9.8 million dollars at the beginning of October. Mrs. Lynde also reported that shortly after GOSAC’s August 11 meeting, a contract with an awardee was suspended and another contract was placed under audit.

Chair Hatcher then continued with the next agenda item: the approval of GOSAC’s Bylaws. Chair Hatcher stated that the purpose of these Bylaws is to reflect the existing structure provided in the MOU while codifying developed practices. Chair Hatcher emphasized a provision within the Bylaws that states the MOU to supersede the Bylaws should they come into conflict. After brief discussion, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the Bylaws.

Chair Hatcher then invited Mrs. Lynde to present on the twenty (20) Region 1 applications suggested for recommendation by the Region’s respective Regional Advisory Council (RAC). Following the presentation, Chair Hatcher asked if there was any discussion on the Region 1 applications. After no discussion, the 20 Region 1 applications were recommended unanimously in the presented amount to Trustee Kevin Tanner. The applications recommended for approval from Region 1 are as follows.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Project Category</b>
Cherokee FOCUS Inc.	\$115,920.00	\$115,920.00	\$231,840.00	Prevention
Homestead Women's Recovery, Inc.	\$85,500.00	---	\$85,500.00	Recovery
Recovery Bartow Inc	\$118,350.00	\$118,350.00	\$236,700.00	Recovery
Newport Integrated Behavioral Healthcare, Inc	\$427,500.00	\$427,500.00	\$855,000.00	Recovery
The Blake Houses Inc.	\$50,000.00	---	\$50,000.00	Treatment
BRIDGE Recovery	\$162,591.30	\$162,591.30	\$325,182.60	Recovery
Pickens County BOC	\$204,842.70	\$204,842.70	\$409,685.40	Treatment
Bridge Health	\$82,250.77	---	\$82,250.77	Treatment
The Childrens Haven	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00	\$45,000.00	Prevention
Wellroot Family Services	\$143,880.12	\$169,766.53	\$313,646.65	Prevention
Walker County Sheriff's Office	\$378,000.00	---	\$378,000.00	Treatment



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Drug Awareness Inc DBA J's Place Recovery	\$173,524.21	\$194,365.77	\$367,889.98	Recovery
RECOVERY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF FORSYTH INC	\$190,978.20	---	\$190,978.20	Recovery
Professional Resource Mgmt of Rabun, LLC dba Mountain Lakes Medical Center	\$67,367.70	\$67,367.70	\$134,735.40	Prevention
Angel House of Georgia	\$75,600.00	\$75,600.00	\$151,200.00	Recovery
The Never Alone Clubhouse, Inc	\$357,687.00	---	\$357,687.00	Harm Reduction
Dawson County Treatment Court	\$5,400.00	---	\$5,400.00	Treatment
Treatment Services - Hall County	\$16,200.00	\$16,200.00	\$32,400.00	Treatment
Whitfield County	\$26,550.00	---	\$26,550.00	Recovery
THE CENTER FOR WELLNESS AND RECOVERY OF NORTHEAST GA CORPORATION	\$256,549.50	---	\$256,549.50	Treatment

Chair Hatcher then invited Mrs. Lynde to present on the seventeen (17) Region 2 applications suggested for recommendation by the Region’s respective RAC. Following the presentation, Chair Hatcher asked if there was any discussion on the Region 2 applications. After no discussion, the 17 Region 2 applications were recommended unanimously in the presented amount to Trustee Kevin Tanner. The applications recommended for approval from Region 2 are as follows.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Project Category</b>
The Genesis Center of Winder LLC	\$109,500.00	---	\$109,500.00	Treatment
United Way of Central Georgia, Inc.	\$228,000.00	\$222,000.00	\$450,000.00	Recovery



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Taliaferro Family Connection	\$97,350.00	---	\$97,350.00	Prevention
Augusta University Research Institute, Inc.	\$37,338.00	---	\$37,338.00	Harm Reduction
Walton Empowers, Inc	\$291,635.00	---	\$291,635.00	Recovery
Centenary Community Ministries, Inc.	\$159,140.00	---	\$159,140.00	Recovery
Screven County Community Collaborative Inc.	\$76,000.00	---	\$76,000.00	Prevention
Maric Health Care	\$63,956.00	\$63,956.00	\$127,912.00	Treatment
Augusta University Research Institute, Inc.	\$28,754.00	---	\$28,754.00	Harm Reduction
Jefferson County Community Ships for Youth	\$52,700.00	\$52,700.00	\$105,400.00	Treatment
The Genesis Center of Winder LLC	\$272,000.00	---	\$272,000.00	Recovery
Project ADAM Community Assistance Center, Inc.	\$76,638.48	---	\$76,638.48	Treatment
Piedmont Athens Regional Foundation	\$13,897.00	---	\$13,897.00	Harm Reduction
New Start Treatment Milledgeville	\$76,650.00	\$76,650.00	\$153,300.00	Treatment
Sojourn Ministries, Inc. DBA Navigate Recovery Barrow	\$154,450.00	\$144,450.00	\$298,900.00	Recovery
Metro Treatment of Georgia, L.P.	\$76,650.00	---	\$76,650.00	Treatment
Divergent Recovery Center for Men LLC	\$230,060.52	---	\$230,060.52	Recovery



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Chair Hatcher then invited Mrs. Lynde to present on the five (5) Region 3 applications suggested for recommendation by the Region’s respective RAC. Following the presentation, Chair Hatcher asked if there was any discussion on the Region 3 applications. After no discussion, the 5 Region 3 applications were recommended unanimously in the presented amount to Trustee Kevin Tanner. The applications recommended for approval from Region 3 are as follows.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Project Category</b>
Gwinnett County Board of Health dba GNR Public Health	\$57,600.00	\$57,600.00	\$115,200.00	Harm Reduction
Newton Community Partnership	\$182,545.00	---	\$182,545.00	Prevention
Pillars Initiative	\$104,000.00	\$104,000.00	\$208,000.00	Prevention
City of Morrow	\$6,000.00	---	\$6,000.00	Prevention
Positive Impact Health Centers	\$155,689.00	\$259,522.00	\$415,211.00	Recovery

Chair Hatcher then invited Mrs. Lynde to present on the two (2) Region 4 applications suggested for recommendation by the Region’s respective RAC. Following the presentation, Chair Hatcher asked if there was any discussion on the Region 4 applications. After no discussion, the 2 Region 4 applications were recommended unanimously in the presented amount to Trustee Kevin Tanner. The applications recommended for approval from Region 4 are as follows.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Project Category</b>
Georgia Pines Community Service Board	\$398,874.38	---	\$398,874.38	Harm Reduction
South GA Starz Academy Inc.	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$300,000.00	Prevention



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Chair Hatcher then invited Mrs. Lynde to present on the twelve (12) Region 5 applications suggested for recommendation by the Region’s respective RAC. Following the presentation, Chair Hatcher asked if there was any discussion on the Region 5 applications. After no discussion, the 12 Region 5 applications were recommended unanimously in the presented amount to Trustee Kevin Tanner. The applications recommended for approval from Region 5 are as follows.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Project Category</b>
New Roots Glynn	\$99,900.00	\$64,332.00	\$164,232.00	Recovery
Georgia Southern University Research and Service Foundation, Inc.	\$117,737.00	\$116,737.00	\$234,474.00	Prevention
Atlantic Judicial Circuit Accountability Courts	\$101,905.00	---	\$101,905.00	Treatment
Georgia Prevention Project	\$201,416.00	---	\$201,416.00	Prevention
Coastal Health District	\$152,048.26	\$153,110.25	\$305,158.51	Prevention
CSBMG GA	\$303,293.95	\$302,543.95	\$605,837.90	Recovery
Grace House of Brunswick	\$38,723.24	\$33,000.00	\$71,723.24	Recovery
Clinch Memorial Hospital	\$338,207.95	---	\$338,207.95	Treatment
Share Health Southeast Georgia	\$129,012.02	\$129,012.02	\$258,024.04	Prevention
Clinch Memorial Hospital - Harm Reduction	\$9,500.00	---	\$9,500.00	Harm Reduction
Clinch Memorial Hospital - Prevention	\$8,500.00	---	\$8,500.00	Prevention
Clinch Memorial Hospital - Training	\$12,500.00	---	\$12,500.00	Other - Training

Chair Hatcher then invited Mrs. Lynde to present on the nine (9) Region 6 applications suggested for recommendation by the Region’s respective RAC. Following the presentation, Chair Hatcher asked if there was any discussion on the Region 6 applications. Mayor Betty Cason indicated that she wished to recuse herself for the University of West Georgia’s (UWG’s) application. Chair Hather stated that matter would



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be taken up separately and asked if there was any discussion on UWG’s application. After no discussion, the non-abstaining members unanimously voted to recommend UWG’s application in the presented amount to Trustee Kevin Tanner. Chair Hatcher asked if there was any discussion on the eight (8) remaining Region 6 applications. After no discussion, the 8 remaining Region 6 applications were recommended unanimously in the presented amount to Trustee Kevin Tanner. The applications recommended for approval from Region 6 are as follows.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Project Category</b>
New Avenue Life Outreach	\$310,630.00	---	\$310,630.00	Recovery
University of West Georgia	\$91,639.50	\$72,567.00	\$164,206.50	Recovery
Nick's New Beginnings	\$216,141.25	\$211,391.25	\$427,532.50	Recovery
Midway Recovery Systems	\$231,760.00	---	\$231,760.00	Treatment
Coweta FORCE	\$368,231.41	\$368,231.41	\$736,462.82	Recovery
Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, Inc.	\$147,810.00	\$159,592.00	\$307,402.00	Recovery
iHOPE-Intentional Holistic Opportunities to Promote Empowerment Inc.	\$98,318.00	---	\$98,318.00	Other - Training
Nick's New Beginnings	\$11,350.00	\$11,350.00	\$22,700.00	Recovery
New Start Treatment, LLC	\$393,688.00	---	\$393,688.00	Treatment

Chair Hatcher then invited Mrs. Lynde to present on the forty-seven (47) State applications suggested for recommendation. Following the presentation, Chair Hatcher asked if there was any discussion on the State applications. Dr. Chris Rustin indicated he that he wished to recuse himself for the consideration of the Georgia Department of Public Health’s (DPH’s) application. Mr. David Kidd indicated that he wished to recuse himself for consideration of Advantage Behavioral Health’s application. Mayor Ed Reynolds indicated he that he wished to recuse himself for the consideration of Carelink of Georgia’s application. Chair Hatcher noted their recusals and stated those applications would be taken up separately.



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Chair Hather asked if there was any discussion on DPH’s application. After no discussion, the non-abstaining members unanimously voted to recommend DPH’s application in the presented amount to Trustee Kevin Tanner. Chair Hather asked if there was any discussion on Advantage Behavioral Health’s application. After no discussion, the non-abstaining members unanimously voted to recommend Advantage Behavioral Health’s application in the presented amount to Trustee Kevin Tanner. Chair Hather asked if there was any discussion on Carelink of Gerogia’s application. After no discussion, the non-abstaining members unanimously voted to recommend Carelink of Gerogia’s application in the presented amount to Trustee Kevin Tanner.

Chair Hatcher asked if there was any discussion on the forty-four (44) remaining State applications recommended for funding. Sheriff Gary Sisk made a point that GOSAC should be vigilant in how the Qualify Block Grantees (QBGs) use their opioid abatement money so that areas outside of metro-Atlanta are receiving the necessary amounts of service. He questioned what qualifies an application as a “statewide” application. Executive Director Lynde explained that applications are considered statewide applications if they serve two or more regions, including QBG regions. After discussion, the 44 remaining state applications were recommended unanimously in the presented amount to Trustee Kevin Tanner. The state applications recommended for approval are as follows.

Organization	Year 1	Year 2	Total	Project Category
Grady Health System	\$286,755.00	\$286,755.00	\$573,510.00	Recovery
Fayette FACTOR	\$235,000.00	\$235,000.00	\$470,000.00	Prevention
The Extension	\$309,099.16	\$307,599.16	\$616,698.32	Treatment
Grady Health System	\$236,663.18	\$236,663.18	\$473,326.35	Prevention
Sojourn Ministries, Inc. DBA Navigate Recovery	\$275,000.00	\$220,000.00	\$495,000.00	Treatment
Consecrated Care	\$393,688.00	---	\$393,688.00	Treatment
Georgia Parent Support Network, Inc.	\$10,000.00	---	\$10,000.00	Prevention
DM & ADR, Inc.	\$281,510.00	---	\$281,510.00	Treatment
DynamiCare Health	\$637,102.83	\$236,472.83	\$873,575.66	Treatment
Coweta FORCE	\$156,700.00	---	\$156,700.00	Recovery
HealthQwest Frontiers, LLC	\$281,034.98	\$115,517.49	\$396,552.48	Treatment



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Mary Hall Freedom Village	\$1,425,576.92	\$1,425,576.92	\$2,851,153.85	Recovery
Athens Wellness Clinic	\$329,798.00	\$141,048.00	\$470,846.00	Harm Reduction
Imagine Hope	\$110,500.00	\$110,500.00	\$221,000.00	Harm Reduction
Odyssey Atlanta, Inc.	\$179,937.50	\$214,937.50	\$394,875.00	Prevention
Community Education Group	\$359,028.60	\$332,778.60	\$691,807.20	Other - Training
Gwinnett United in Drug Education, Inc. (d/b/a GUIDE, Inc.)	\$400,164.00	\$442,402.00	\$842,566.00	Prevention
Institute for Health Logistics & Analytics (IHLA) at Georgia Southern University	\$435,927.11	\$436,639.85	\$872,566.96	Other - Training
Mercer University	\$186,539.00	\$211,539.00	\$398,078.00	Treatment
Advantage Behavioral Health Systems	\$557,214.75	\$557,214.75	\$1,114,429.50	Treatment
Georgia Council for Recovery	\$199,067.24	---	\$199,067.24	Recovery
The Sobriety Resource	\$245,000.00	\$245,000.00	\$490,000.00	Recovery
Motherhood Beyond Bars	\$93,000.00	\$127,000.00	\$220,000.00	Research & Evaluation
Forensic Medicine Associates, Inc.	\$39,990.00	\$39,990.00	\$79,980.00	Research & Evaluation
DM & ADR, Inc.	\$234,830.00	---	\$234,830.00	Harm Reduction
Southern Healthcare Collaboration	\$772,850.00	\$725,720.00	\$1,498,570.00	Treatment
Kennesaw State University/KSURF	\$330,212.00	\$324,212.00	\$654,424.00	Prevention
Midway Recovery Systems	\$95,201.80	\$61,201.80	\$156,403.60	Treatment
HopeQuest	\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00	\$35,000.00	Other - Training
Project ADAM Community Assistance Center, Inc.	\$173,150.00	---	\$173,150.00	Recovery
Pathlight Counseling	\$214,300.00	\$214,300.00	\$428,600.00	Treatment
Georgia Department of Public Health	\$226,437.50	\$226,437.50	\$452,875.00	Harm Reduction
Hope House, Inc.	\$395,882.47	\$392,282.47	\$788,164.93	Treatment



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Men and Women of Human Excellence	\$976,780.00	---	\$976,780.00	Treatment
Gateway CSB	\$534,000.00	\$534,000.00	\$1,068,000.00	Other - Training
Georgia Primary Care Association	\$747,099.69	\$1,100,172.13	\$1,847,271.82	Treatment
View Point Health	\$1,452,700.00	\$0.00	\$1,452,700.00	Treatment
Mercer University School of Medicine	\$138,134.85	\$138,134.85	\$276,269.70	Research & Evaluation
Divergent Recovery Center Inc (women)	\$368,400.00	---	\$368,400.00	Recovery
Divergent Recovery Center Inc (women)	\$355,200.00	---	\$355,200.00	Recovery
Claratel Behavioral Health	\$1,209,569.85	---	\$1,209,569.85	Treatment
CMG Media Group	\$573,222.00	---	\$573,222.00	Prevention
Lexicon Strategies	\$79,250.00	\$79,250.00	\$158,500.00	Prevention
Georgia Association of Broadcasters	\$269,000.00	---	\$269,000.00	Prevention
Georgia Department of Community Supervision	\$167,273.94	---	\$167,273.94	Treatment
Emory University	\$254,882.25	\$254,882.25	\$509,764.50	Other - Training
Carelink of Georgia	\$734,069.70	\$734,069.70	\$1,468,139.40	Treatment

Chair Hatcher noted that this concluded the applications up for recommendation and led the Commission in a brief discussion of the 2026 meeting schedule.

Chair Hatcher then asked if there was any public comment. One individual from the Georgia Chiropractic Association offered a statement regarding alternative forms of pain relief.

Chair Sam Hatcher thanked each of the members for their attendance and adjourned the meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.